

Claim 28, line 1, change "claims 20-27" to --claim 20--.

Claim 29, line 1, change "claims 20-28" to --claim 20--.

Claim 30, line 1, change "claims 20-29" to --claim 20--.

Claim 31, line 1, change "claims 20-30" to --claim 20--.

Claim 32, line 1, change "claims 20-31" to --claim 20--.

Claim 33, line 1, change "claims 20-32" to --claim 20--.

### REMARKS

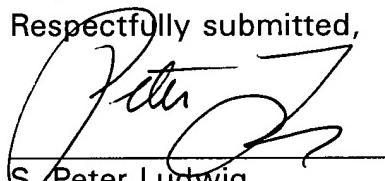
New claims 34 and 35 have been added to further define the invention.

The new claims are believed to be supported by the disclosure.

Claims 4-6, 8, 10-12, 14-15, 19, 22, 24, 27--33 have been amended to place them in better condition for examination by eliminating multiple claim dependencies

An early and favorable Official Action on the merits of all claims is earnestly solicited.

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